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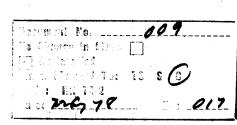
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- 1. Certain modifications in the tactics employed in effecting the collectivization of agriculture in the Susice area (850/028) have become apparent. Farmers were previously promised various advantages if they became members of vere previously promised various advantages in they became members of collective forms (even if they did so under duvess). This provision no longer applies. Farmers who are not members of collective forms are given very high norms to fulfill. Until now, if they did not need their assigned quots, they were punished by having wheir fields requisitioned and placed at the disposal of collective forms. Now the penalty is a fine and/or a prison term. Even if they are arrested, it often happens that their forms are not requisitioned. In some instances, formers who could not need their quotas attanced to turn their forms over to collective forms, but their offers were attempted to turn their farms over to collective farms, but their offers were rejected.
- 2. According to source, the collective farms did not fulfill the established quotas, and yields were even less than when the farms were privately owned and operated. Source states that greater demands are made of private owners, since force and threats can be used to assure deliveries, while this method cannot be used on collective farmers since the collective farms are mostly Communist-ruled and are composed mostly of Communist members,





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